

WISCONSIN BOARD OF
AGRICULTURE, TRADE & CONSUMER PROTECTION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has worked in close collaboration with the Wisconsin Agricultural Statistics Service (WASS) together in an office based at the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection in Madison, WI for 95 years; and

WHEREAS this combined NASS/WASS office shares employees who work for the USDA and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS the NASS/WASS collaboration, in addition to producing required USDA reports, goes above and beyond in producing at least six reports a year that are unique to Wisconsin and of vital importance to the state's agricultural industry and the Midwestern agricultural region; and

WHEREAS this combined NASS/WASS effort is highly productive, efficient and effective for citizens on both the national and state level. The production and value of these additional reports are like no other in the country; and

WHEREAS the USDA is considering consolidation of a number of field offices around the country including a proposed move of some of its employees to an office outside of Wisconsin,

THEREFORE, let it be resolved, The Wisconsin Citizen Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection supports the current productive and valuable collaborative effort of NASS/WASS in Wisconsin and encourages the USDA to recognize the close working relationship of NASS/WASS and the State of Wisconsin and maintain Wisconsin operations during this time of national reorganization.

Approved by a unanimous vote of the members of the Wisconsin Citizen Board of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection on June ____, 2012.

Andy Diercks
Chair